RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir, there are other recruiting agencies specially appointed for this purpose.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN. (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether Travancoreans are recruited to the Cochin Labour Corps?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It appears that some Travancoreans have joined the Cochin Labour Force.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know whether, in view of the possibility of a greater part of the force returning early and the consequent demobilisation, any definite scheme has been prepared for rehabilitating these peoples?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The matter is under the active consideration of Government, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any definite scheme for that?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Schemes for that purpose are in view.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Since the Dewan President's advertance to this problem in his speech in 1119, may I know the steps that have been taken to implement it?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Dewan referred to the matter and said that the matter is under active consideration.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any definite scheme has been prepared in the matter?

PRESIDENT: Last year, the President announced that the matter was under active consideration. The consideration has been practically completed. One of the measures taken by Government for the purpose of rehabilitating these men when they return is to see that till such time no person here gets any registry of land which will stand in the way of land being made available to these returned military men on a basis of lease. One of the main objects underlying Government's prohibition against puduval registries and against registration of encroached lands in favour of the encroachers is to give help to these persons. That is the first step and it has been taken. The second is to set apart a fairly large extent of land which will be placed at the disposal of returning military and labour corps personnel for the purpose of embarking on agricultural enterprises.

War Recruitment.

59. ***MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of persons recruited for the war; and

(*b*) the number of persons recruited for Assam Labour?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 58

Travancoreans in War Service.

60. * **MR. P. O. THOMAS** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Travancoreans in war service and the religions and castes to which they belong?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The number up to the end of July 1944 is approximately estimated to be 70,000. Information as to their religions and castes is not available.

E. M. School at Edapally.

61. * **MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the accommodation of the English Middle School at Edapally;

(*b*) what is the strength of each class of the school at present; and

(*c*) whether there are proper seating arrangements for the whole strength?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The English Middle School, Edapally, has accommodation for 247 pupils.

(*b*) Preparatory Class 101.
Form I 82.
,, II 62.
,, III 56.

(*c*) Not quite sufficient.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: In view to the insufficient nature of accommodation for school children, how do Government propose to tackle the problem?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: By means of temporary sheds.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Then, may I know why they have not been put up?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Last time the work could not be taken up for want of proper tenderers.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to take steps to ease the situation at least this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

Nedumangad English Middle School.

62. * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students passed in the III Form Public Examination from the Nedumangad English Middle School during the last academic year; and

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